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Comment Of The Day

The Fishing Fleet

HONGKONG has watched with growing pride the development of a modern fishing fleet. The last report of the Director of Marketing and the Registrar of Co-operatives, which with the Department of Fisheries has played the leading part in this revolution, announced in March that less than one-third of the total fleet is mechanised. This is a record that the Colony can be proud of. Modern highly industrialised Japan — which turns out its own diesel engines — has only slightly over one-third of its fleet mechanised. The need is to encourage this trend in Hongkong.

The Colony was represented at a recent conference in Ceylon at which mechanisation of the fleets of Southeast Asia and the Far East was discussed. The advantages of this process are obvious. Powered boats are able to travel further and faster to fishing grounds and remain there longer before returning to port. This enables them to devote far more to actual fishing with noticeable results on profits.

Promotion

THIS is evident in the case of the Hongkong fleet. Mechanised fishing craft, though comprising less than one-third of the total supplied two-thirds of the total catch. And the incentive to mechanise — at least until recently — has been apparent in Hongkong where both Government and diesel engine importers have provided generous credit terms.

The Ceylon conference, sponsored by the Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council, has made mechanisation a powerful point of promotion among its seventeen nation members. One of its main aims now is to assist those countries which through lack of proper planning, absence of suitable vessels or lack of foreign exchange, have been less successful in introducing mechanisation.

But while this new trend gains increasing popularity elsewhere in Asia, figures for Hongkong next year are likely to show a marked decline on the number mechanised in 1957-58 — 755 boats. Action against local fishing junks by Communist patrol boats and the fear of demands by the Communists for bigger shares of catches in Chinese waters appear to have created some pessimism and discouraged a process which otherwise might have seen the entire fleet mechanised in six years' time.

A Lead Needed

IN the interests of the Colony's fleet and local food supplies, a lead from Government is needed here. The fishermen need not only to be restored in confidence by regular patrols of either warships or Fishery Protection Vessels, when necessary, but just as in 1948 when a local fisherman was persuaded against his better judgment to initiate the revolution of mechanisation. Government now needs to encourage fishermen to move to new and safer grounds.

Conversion in this case will involve much more than mechanisation — bigger craft, new trawling methods and possibly the provision of a mother ship, for example — but Government should not hesitate to help out in the training and financing of a scheme to put local fishermen on a thoroughly sound and safe basis. After all, this is one industry which makes a great contribution to the feeding of our millions.

NOW RUSSIA PROMISES NEW AID AIRFIELDS FOR NASSER

Factories And Power Station For Suez Also Planned

London, Dec. 22. Five new airfields and a number of new industries are to be built in the United Arab Republic under an agreement with the Soviet Union signed in Cairo today, Cairo Radio reported.

Early China Mail Tomorrow

Agreement

Few details were released when the economic and technical co-operation pact between Russia and Egypt was signed in the Kremlin last January, but some reports put the total Soviet aid offered at about £70 million.

There will be no China Mail on Christmas Day or on Boxing Day, but the big feature-packed weekly will issue on sale at the usual time on Saturday morning.

For the benefit of readers, our film critic, Anthony Fuller, has reviewed the films showing in the Colony over the Christmas holidays and these will be published in tomorrow's China Mail.

Also in tomorrow's China Mail will be another instalment of John Luff's new series of articles entitled "This Hongkong". The second instalment will tell more of the escapades of Hongkong's first newspaper editors and the Court's dealings with them.

Rainstorms Leave Trail Of Dead On Both Sides Of Atlantic

Rio De Janeiro, Dec. 22. Thirty-one people were reported killed and thousands injured and homeless as a result of an unprecedented all-night rain-storm here.

Churchill To Visit Marrakesh

London, Dec. 22. Sir Winston Churchill now plans to visit Marrakesh, Morocco, for a holiday arriving there probably on January 8, authoritative sources said here today.

Quarters close to Sir Winston Churchill said the date was not definitely fixed, but that he had decided "in principle" to visit Marrakesh. — China Mail Special.

In Madrid

In Madrid, at least 12 people have been killed and about 6,000 made homeless by storms which have swept across Spain in the past three days.

A 90 m.p.h. gale today sank several small fishing boats and damaged others at the port of Malaga.

Landslides are blocking the Malaga-Madrid railway line.

In Seville where 5,000 people evacuated their homes when the river Guadalquivir rose about 23 feet above its normal level.

In Rabat, Morocco, torrential rains brought by an Atlantic storm caused flood crests, isolating several Moroccan villages and cutting direct road links between Rabat and Tangier today. — Reuter and U.P.I.

Three More Pacifists To Spend Christmas In Gaol

London, Dec. 23. Three pacifists who attempted to present a petition to Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, tonight joined their brethren in gaol.

The trio was part of a group of some 200 pacifists who marched on No. 10 Downing Street, the Prime Minister's official residence, to present the petition on nuclear disarmament.

Two of their comrades who took part in a "non-violent" demonstration at the nuclear construction site near Swindon on Sunday are spending their Christmas in gaol. Nine others declined a chance for martyrdom today and chose instead to spend Christmas Day out of prison.

Behind Bars

The 22 elected to remain behind bars until December 29 rather than promise the authorities they would not picket the missile construction site.

Some 250 pacifists met tonight in support of the campaign for nuclear disarmament and to express sympathy for their gaol-bound friends. The meeting and the demonstrations are organised by the direct action committee against nuclear war.

Then, about 200 people marched through Trafalgar Square to Downing Street. But

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Window-Banging Bird Lovers Chalk Up Win

Blackpool, Dec. 22. Two window-banging bird lovers today chalked up a first round victory in a fight to

save the lives of local pigeons.

Three policemen, a pestologist and his two assistants were called to Blackpool's Gainsborough Road to destroy 70 pigeons which had been annoying local residents.

A wire netting trap, baited with corn was set for the birds but each time a pigeon approached it, Mr and Mrs

Cyril Roberts banged their windows up and down.

The policemen tried for 90 minutes to catch the birds but they were all frightened away by the bird-lovers.

Then they reported back to police headquarters where a decision will be taken tomorrow as to whether the window-banging constituted a legal

"obstruction."

Mr Roberts, a munition, told reporters tonight: "My wife is a member of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and we are protecting the pigeons on my behalf."

His wife Greta said: "It don't mind what the neighbours think—I don't speak to them anyway." — Reuter.

Her Minute-Old Son



Hovering in the background, Mrs Janice Gilson smiles as ambulance stewards bundle her minute-old son, Francis Patrick Gilson III, for a trip to the hospital after he came into the world practically unaided. Summoned by a phone call, the stewards arrived just in time to hear the tell-tale squalls that made it plain Francis had arrived. — UPI Telephoto.

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Aga Khan Denies Betrothal Rumours

Gstaad, Dec. 22. Prince Karim Aga Khan today categorically denied newspaper reports that he would shortly announce his engagement to Sylvia Casablanca, the daughter of a rich Mexican financier.

He said he had no intention of announcing his engagement to anybody at this time.

Karim said he had come to Gstaad for a short holiday, and would return to Harvard University in the United States after the New Year to finish his studies.

He described the speculations about his engagement as "ridiculous." — France-Press.

Army Officer Arrested

Acer, Dec. 22. An Army officer has been arrested in connection with a assassination plot against Prime Minister Nkrumah, it was learned today.

The officer is Major B. Awhalet, Camp Commandant at Acer. He has been ordered by Army authorities to remain within his residence. — U.P.I.

Fresh Poultry Prices Up 100 Per Cent

By CHINA MAIL REPORTER

Fresh poultry prices have gone up on the local market this year, in some cases as much as 100 per cent. However, imported chickens, turkeys and ducks from America, Australia and other countries have remained at steady prices according to various stores contacted this morning.

The manager of one big Chinese store's food department said the price of fresh poultry and eggs had gone up quite considerably. The reason, he believed, was that the Mainland was not sending as much this year as in the past.

Shortage

He believed the shortage was brought about by the commune system in China. He said that in the past, individuals used to raise chickens in their own backyards and in their homes, but when the communal style of living was introduced, this practice ceased. He added that it will take some time before Hong Kong receives the same amount of poultry as in the past.

The manager of one of the big English stores said that prices for poultry and eggs on the local market had gone up, but imported food prices had remained steady.

He believed that this price hike was normal on the local market for this time of the year. "It is usually the same with Mainland products," he said. "When they see there is a rush for it, the price goes up."

Big Stores

Almost all of the big stores will be open tomorrow, but for delivery over the Christmas holidays, all orders should have been in by noon today. This was the situation at Lane Crawford's. However, their bakery department will be making deliveries throughout the Colony, both on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Wellcome's will continue with a three-times a day delivery service throughout the Christmas holidays. The store will only be closed on Christmas Day.

The Dairy Farm's main stores will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, but their self-service stores in King's Road and Waterloo Road, will be open from 8.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the evening, on both days.

Milk will be delivered to standing order customers throughout the holiday period as usual. Milk will be sold at most of the Dairy Farm's shops, excluding Windsor House and Mansion House, between 7.30 and 11 a.m.



Collaborator Lived In Earth Hole For 8 Years

Warsaw, Dec. 22. Police, with the aid of a police dog named Tarzan, recently discovered a former Nazi collaborator who had spent the last eight years in hiding in a hole dug under his father-in-law's barn, it was disclosed today.

Marion Machniak, a resident of Opatow in the Kielce area, was arrested in 1950 and accused of killing a number of Jews during the war. He managed to escape before the court was able to read the death sentence passed upon him.

Police searching his father-in-law's farm discovered the fugitive. For eight years he had rarely left his hole in the ground. Only his wife and his father-in-law knew his secret. Even his own children did not know him.

Machniak was arrested suffering from tuberculosis. He was taken to the prison hospital at Sandomierz. — France-Press.

Train Crash

Tunbridge Wells, Dec. 22. A diesel express from Hastings to London crashed into a stationary train at Tunbridge Wells today causing injuries to about 20 people.

Most were treated for shock and cuts but the diesel driver and one woman passenger were taken to hospital. — China Mail Special.

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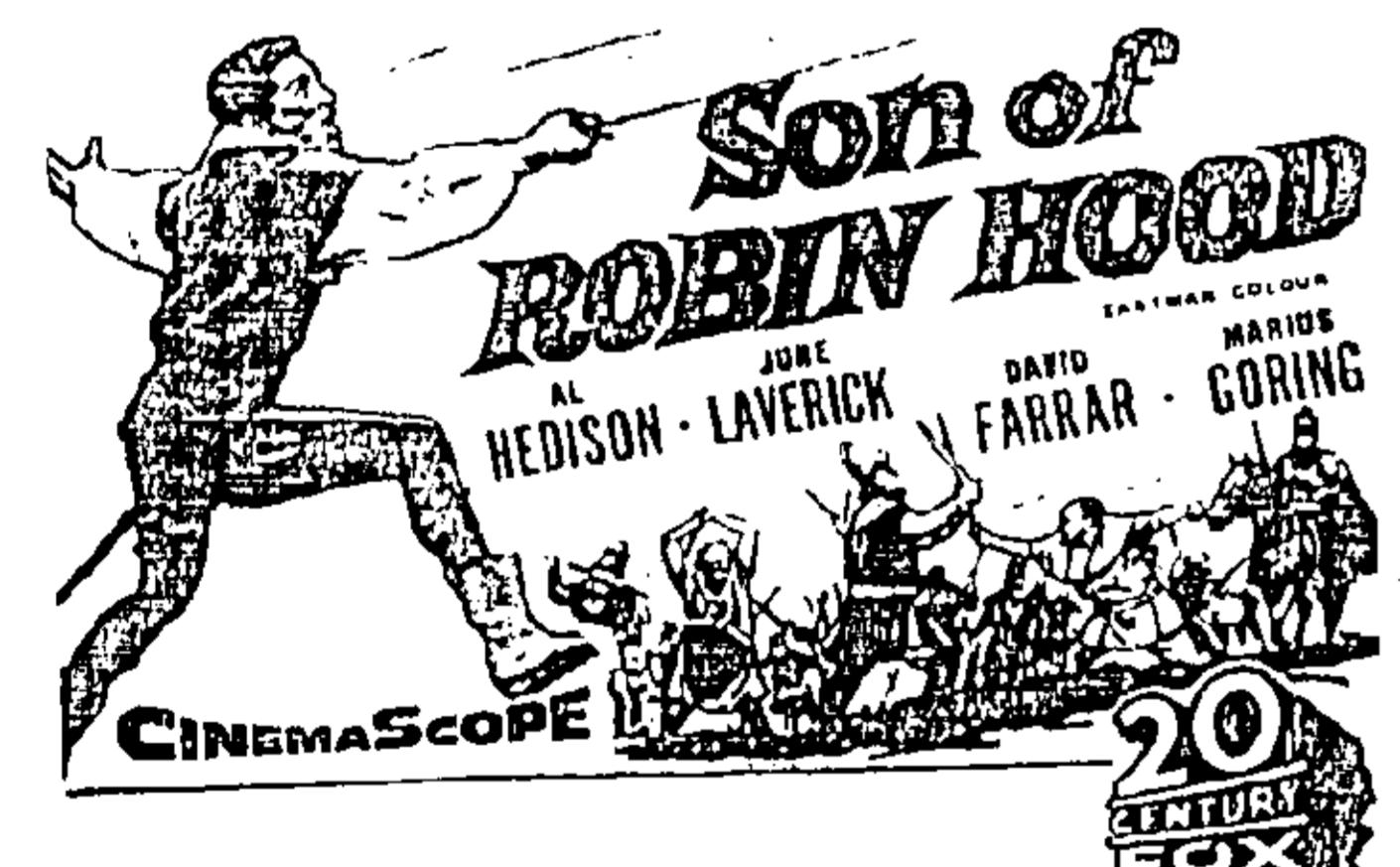
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WILL PRINCE TAKE JAPAN'S THRONE?

Hirohito Rumoured To Retire

Tokyo, Dec. 23. Will Emperor Hirohito abdicate next year and step down for Crown Prince Akihito and his bride?

That is the hottest question in Japan as the popular heir apparent celebrates his 25th birthday today.

Ike's Reveals His Budget Of \$77,000m

Washington, Dec. 22. President Eisenhower announced today that he would send Congress a balanced budget for the fiscal year 1959-60 calling for expenditures of about \$77,000 million.

The President's step in announcing in advance the approximate size of his budget is without precedent in recent years.

Mr. Eisenhower, who completed work on the budget early today, issued a short statement which said that the budget would provide a record peacetime expenditure for defence. The current defence spending for the fiscal year which ends next June will total, it is estimated, \$40,600 million.—Reuter.

MALTESE END LONDON TALKS

London, Dec. 22. Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, had a final meeting here tonight with the delegation of the Malta Nationalist Party led by Dr. G. Borg Olivier.

A Colonial Office statement later said, "Although it has not been possible to reach general agreement at this round of talks, there has been a valuable exchange of views with the Nationalist Party delegation."—Reuter.

Murders

Singapore, Dec. 22. Singapore's two main secret societies, the "08" and the "24," murdered 12 people in 1957, according to the police report for that year published today. The total number of murders in the Colony of one and half million was 20. — China Mail Special.

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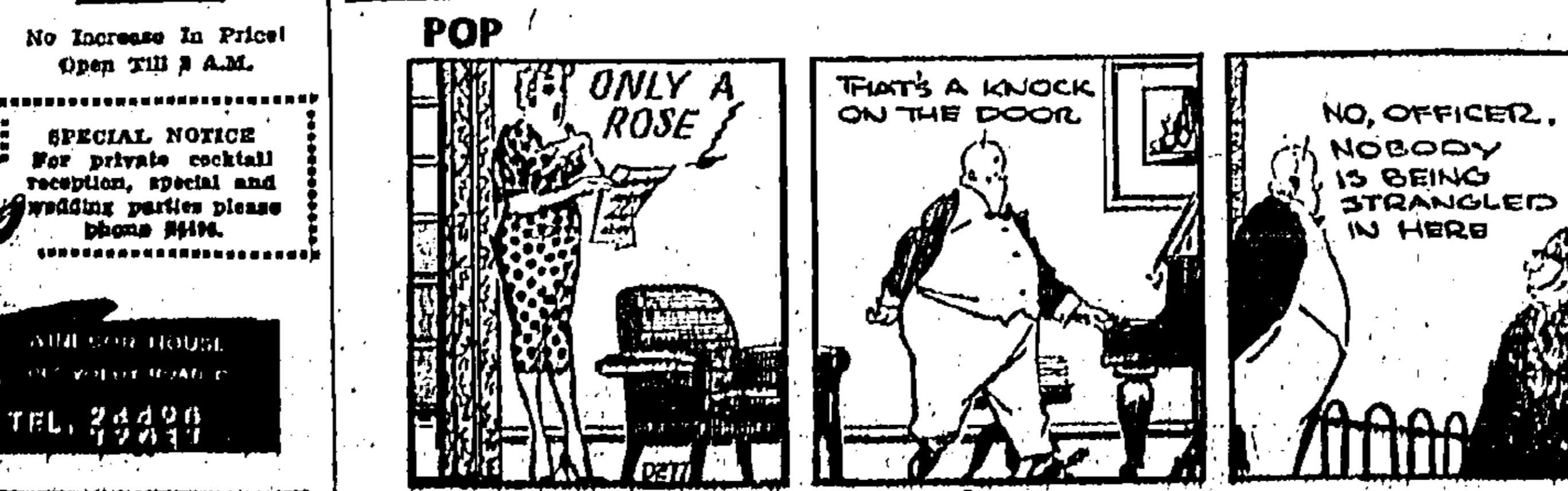
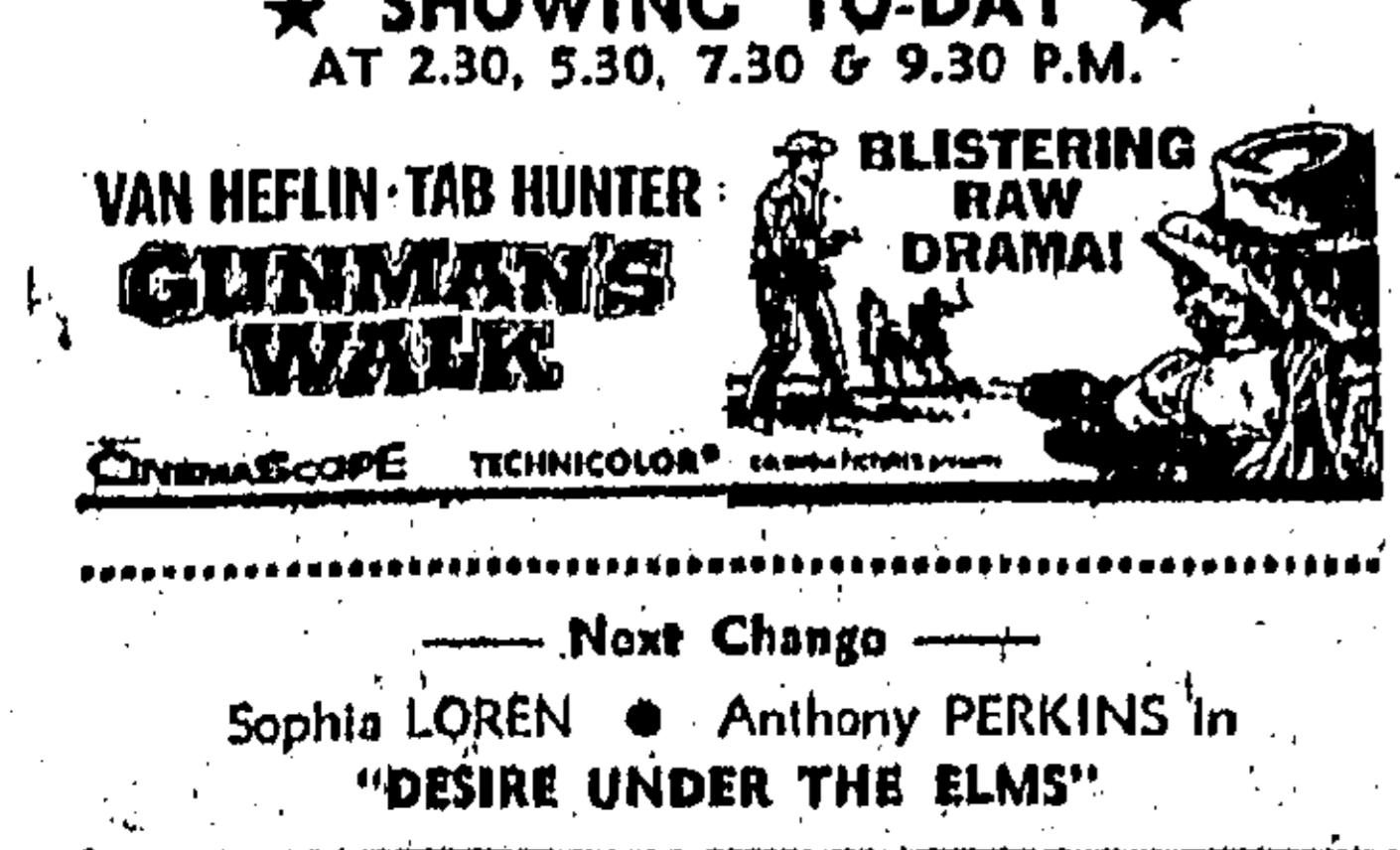
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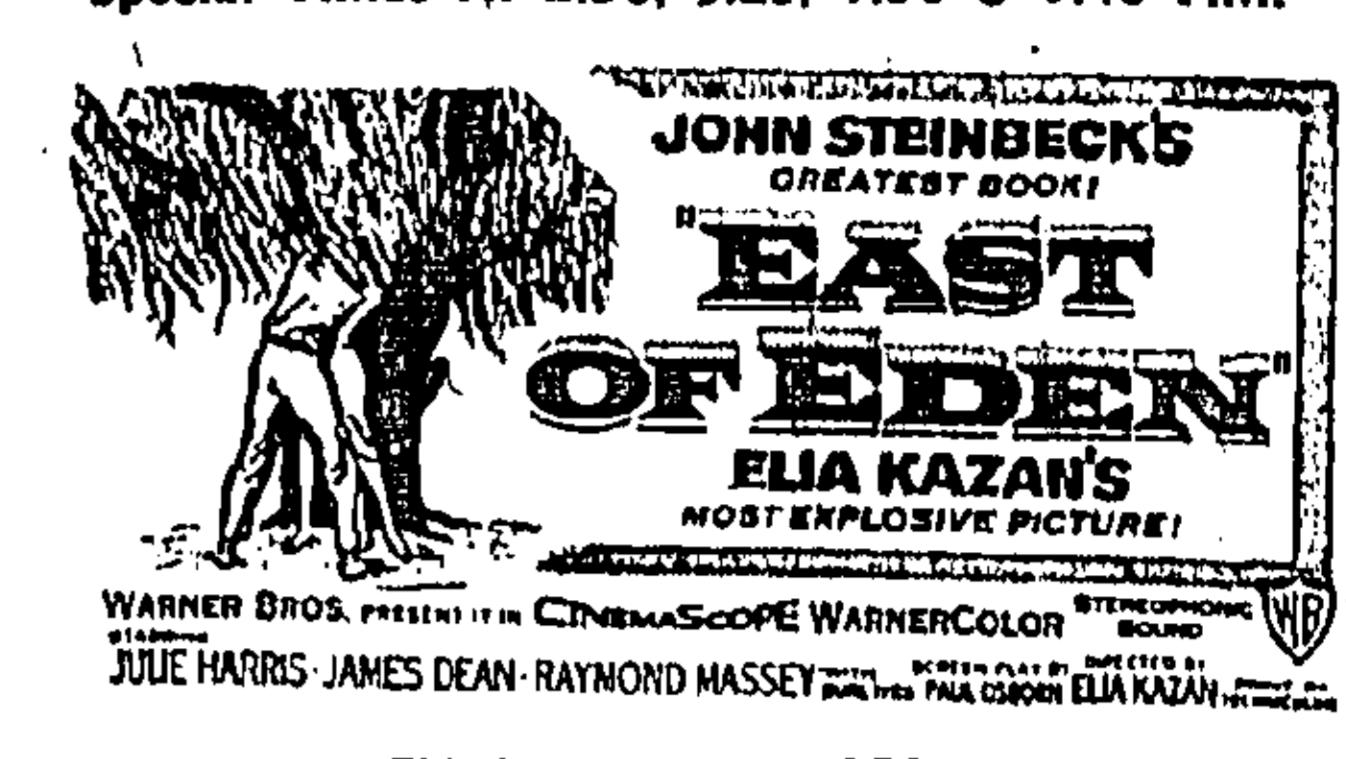


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Scientists Hope For Big Developments In Next Few Years

New York, Dec. 22. Concrete ways of lengthening the life span of healthy human beings are likely to be developed in 1959 or shortly afterwards.

Army Moves On Cyprus Complaint

Nicosia, Dec. 22. Army authorities have allocated £1,000,000 for general improvement on Army tents in Cyprus.

More than £250,000 of this has already been spent.

The British Government announced last week that it was investigating complaints in a letter to a London daily newspaper from a warrant officer serving in Cyprus who declared that his men were living on the most abject conditions because of poor tents.

At the time, the Parliamentary Secretary to the War Office, Mr Hugh Fraser, told Parliament that 2,400 improved tents had already been sent to the island.

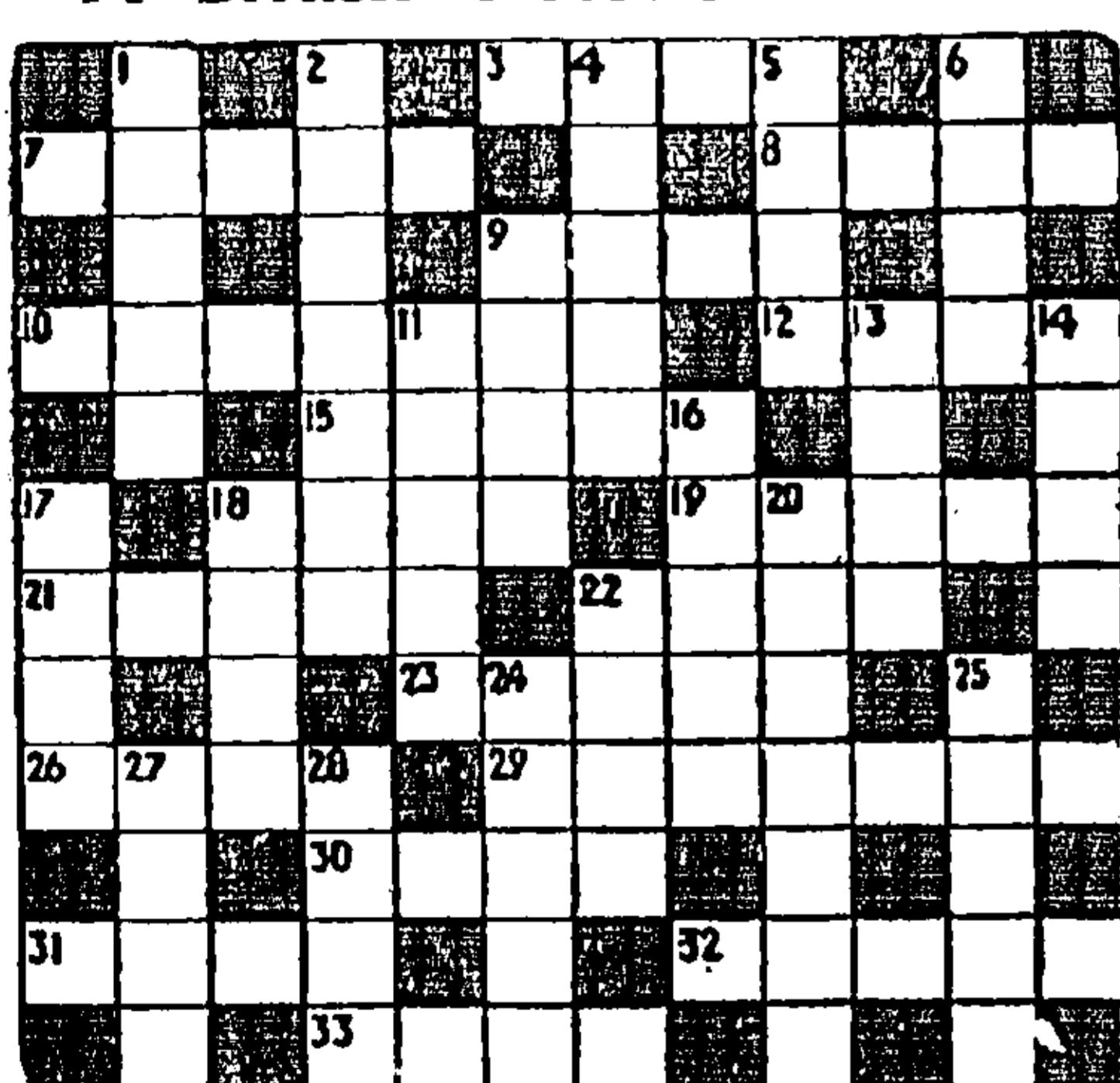
A further 1,300 old-type tents which had been specially renovated were also sent.

He added that the War Minister, Mr Christopher Soames, would visit Cyprus during the Christmas parliamentary recess. — China Mail Special.

Tensing's Appeal

Kathmandu, Dec. 22. Tensing Norkay, who climbed Mount Everest, today led a Nepalese youth to train themselves in mountain climbing to prove their worthiness as guides to Himalayan climbers. — U.P.I.

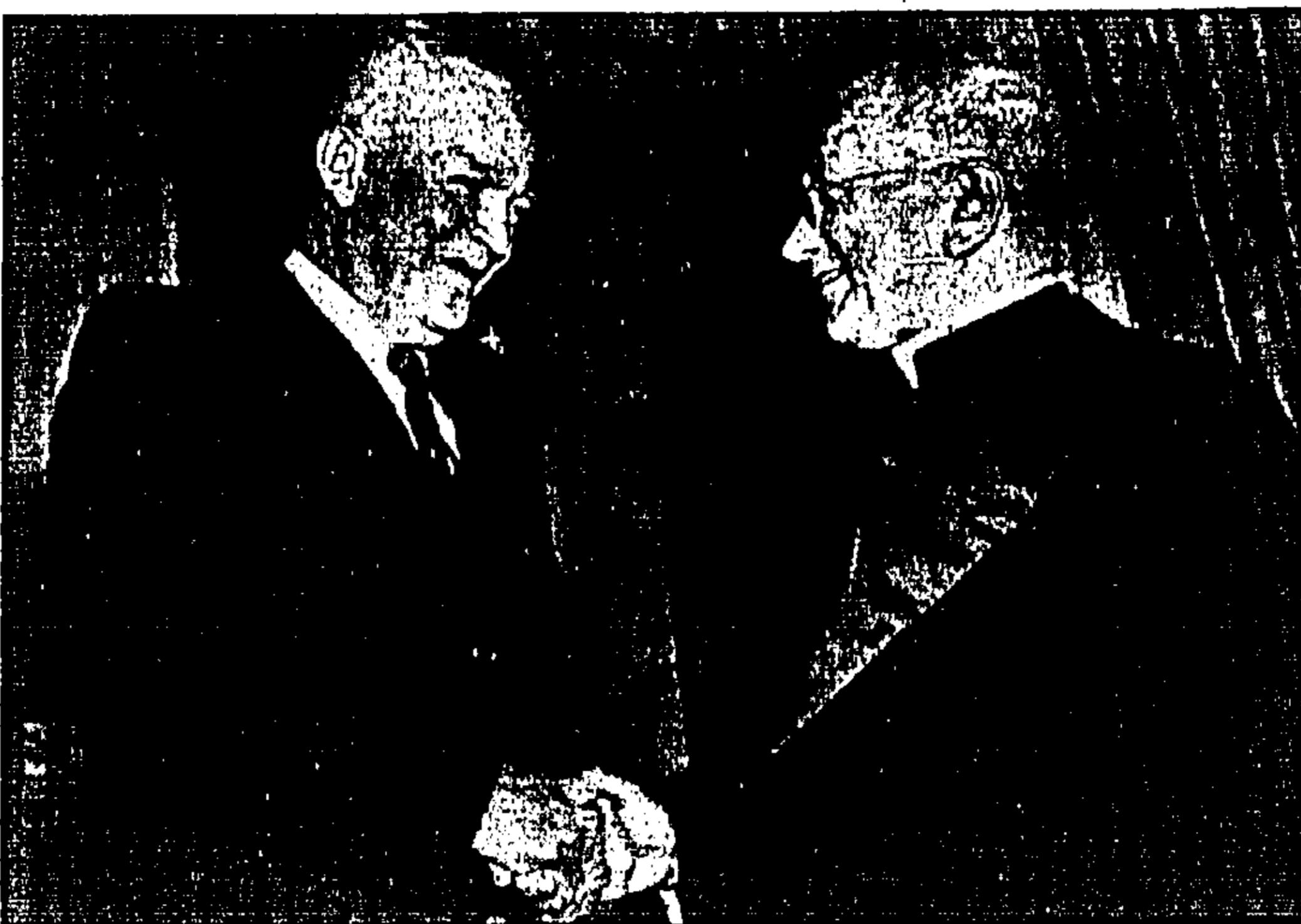
A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
 1. 50 per cent (4).
 2. Smashed and penniless (5).
 3. Without thinking (4).
 4. Cock or hen (4).
 5. They are used in the maling of pens (7).
 6. Unused, in a philatelic sense (4).
 7. Small portions (6).
 8. Put in prison (4).
 9. Make a speech (6).
 10. Softens (6).
 11. Arabian seaport (4).
 12. You must surely be mistaken in it (5).
 13. It goes up and down but gets nowhere (4).
 14. This is really big (7).
 15. Not fair? (4).
 16. Layer of cake (4).
 17. He gives things away (6).
 18. Team swank? (4).
 19. Personally possessive (4).
 20. Personally possessive (4).
 21. Total, 23 Blue.

MONDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Field, 7. Colic, 9. Delta, 10. Milk, 11. Egg, 12. Messengers, 13. Isle, 14. Dice, 15. Iron-master, 22. Able, 24. Latte, 25. Cut in, 26. Rue, 27. Rattle, 28. Dawn; 2. Rule, 3. Grace, 4. Damage, 5. Coterie, 6. Peel, 8. Dreams, 12. Spear, 13. Media, 14. Reverend, 17. Silas, 18. Endear, 20. Ascot, 21. Total, 23. Blue.

President And Cardinal



Archbishop Amleto G. Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the U.S. (right), newly designated cardinal, made a farewell call on President Eisenhower before leaving for Rome. President Eisenhower this month became the oldest President in the history of the U.S.—U.P.I. Telephoto.

A Merry Christmas For Korea's Orphans

Seoul, Dec. 22. In England, Christmas means carols and plum pudding, in America, turkey and cranberry sauce and family gatherings, but in Korea it means orphans.

"Anastasia Story Joke"

Out Of Action

Algiers, Dec. 22. French troops put 504 insurgents out of action in operations in Algeria last week, French military sources announced here tonight.—Reuter.

Penalty

Madrid, Dec. 22. Thirty-one men from the coal fields of Asturias, northern Spain, were today sentenced to gaol terms ranging from 20 years to two years by a military court on charges of organising Communist groups.—Reuter.

Veteran Actor Dies

Hollywood, Dec. 22. H. B. Warner, who portrayed the Saviour in "The King of Kings" three decades ago, died yesterday at the motion picture studio home after a long illness. He was 82.

The home announced his death today.

Warner gained screen immortality for his portrayal of Jesus of Nazareth in the Cecil B. de Mille epic of 1927. His farewell appearance was in another de Mille picture, "The Ten Commandments," two years ago.—U.P.I.

Under the annual Christmas campaign named "operation helping hand," more than \$3,000 has been raised from 800 American troops in the Taegu area. Many of them wrote home, and tons of clothing, blankets, and other gifts have arrived from various parts of the United States.

Almost every military unit, from a frontline company along the demilitarized zone that separates South Korea from the Communist North, to a quartermaster group in the Southernmost port city of Pusan, has plans to fete underprivileged Korean lots in parties with gifts during the Christmas season.

In return, the troops are entertained with folk dances by their young guests and Christmas carols sung in Korean and in a version of English.

Gifts

Last year members of the United Nations command donated about \$1,000 to brighten the lives of needy Korean children and it is expected that even more will be spent this Christmas.

Many servicemen also wage individual campaigns to solicit gifts of clothing, food and toys through their families, churches and newspapers back in their home town.

One of the largest Christmas parties in Korea is to be held in Taegu where over 3,000 orphans from 40 orphanages in the area will be entertained by members of detachment of U.S. Army Advisory Group, and the Taegu subpost of the Pusan area command.

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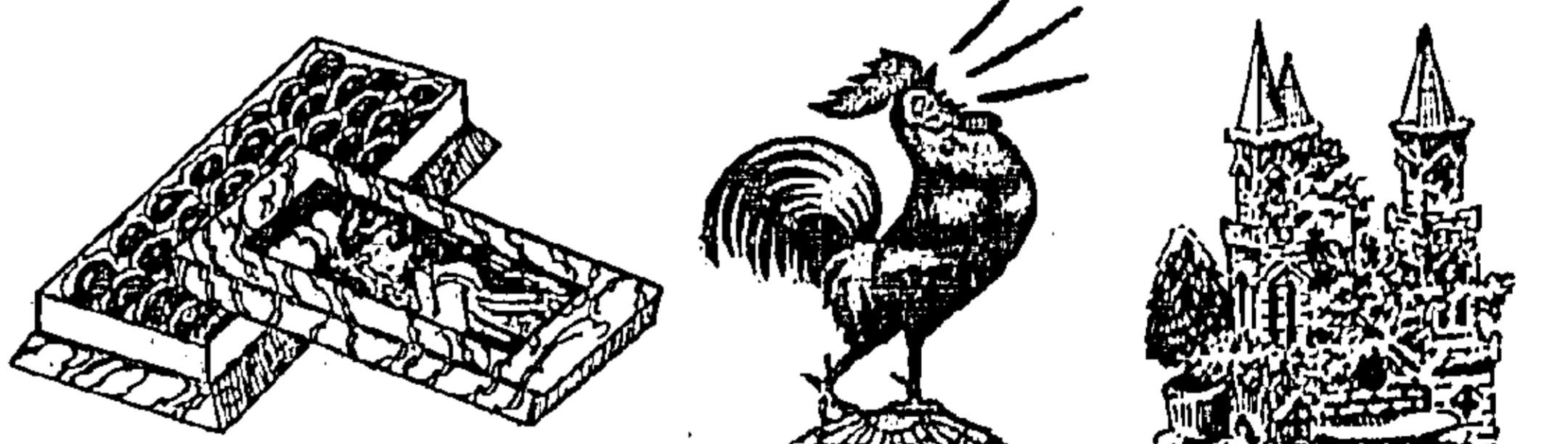
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COLUMNIST PAT LEWIS, news-hopping around America and the West Indies, cables from Hollywood

GO WEST, young woman, if you value your spinsterhood. For here in Hollywood, where romance blossoms on the silver screen, the real thing seldom happens under the smog-smirched palms.

This is the place where virtue rests uneasy because there is hardly anyone to challenge it.

"This is not a girl's town," says Dolores Donlon, wife of producer Vic Orsatti, as she heads east to await the hearing of her divorce. "There is an acute shortage of men."

"I feel like just about had it here," says Lauren Bacall, inking up home and children for life in London. "In Europe, there are more things to do, more things of interest, and many more people to meet."

Scattering though it is to end the illusion, the girls are right. The men they meet in Hollywood today fall into four categories: young-marrieds, old marrieds, much-marrieds, and never-likely-to-be-marrieds.

In case you're searching Robert Wagner, Robert Cummings, Mickey Rooney, and Montgomery Clift epitomise these groups. In order:

So the following dialogue is, you will understand, not in the least far-fetched.

"Tell me," I say to agent Arthur P. Jacobs, "who are the eligible bachelors of Hollywood?"

"Well," he says finally. "There's Hugh O'Brian."

"Tell me," I say to publicity girl Bebe Kline, "who are the eligible bachelors of Hollywood?"

"Tell me," I say to publicist Bob Kline, "who are the eligible bachelors of Hollywood?"

"Well," she says, "there's Charles Coburn... Oh, yes! There's Hugh O'Brian..."

"Tell me," I say to publicity girl Bebe Kline, "who are the eligible bachelors of Hollywood?"

Bebe Kline thumbs through a box-file marked "Suitable escorts for premiers."

"Well," she says, "there's way. If I'd fallen in love at any stage I'd have gotten married—but I didn't."

"O'Brian," I finish wearily.

When one's name is on so many lips in such a context you just can't fight it—you have to see for yourself.

So I drove the three-parts of an hour it takes to get from point one to point one and a half here and arrived at stage-two just as the tall, dark, and lonesome Mr O'Brian was removing his 125-dollar frock-coat.

This left him free (in his 30-dollar shirt, 50-dollar waistcoat and 100-dollar boots) to stop telling Wyatt Earp for the lunch break.

"Steak and eggs, honey," he called to the waitress as with one hand gleaming on his breast, we strolled into the studio restaurant.

She winked. "Want anything before?"

"Just the cue, dear."

They both feel an actor must be absolutely nuts to trade making feature films for a long-run series on television.

"It kills you in the end," said Wildmark. "You become so identified with the character you've been playing that no one can see you as anything else."

"Yes, even new young actors who need a break to get started are beginning to realize the danger," expanded Dmytryk. "They will do one show—but not a series. It's a vicious circle too for the producer."

NO STARVATION

ONCE an actor builds up a big following in a certain role, he can never be fired because the viewers just won't accept a replacement.

"The only way you can win with television is to exploit it for all you can—make a million in five years and then get out."

But talk to one of television's huge successes, like Robert Cummings, and you get an entirely different picture.

"I gave up making movies

and those films can be run over and over again—no revenue will be there for years," I'm 48

and I have five children. Normally the tax man takes 95 per cent of my earnings, but this way I can insure something for their future."

"What am I to do—be brave and artistic? Or realistic?"

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THE heart-shaped diamond that graces the neck of Mrs Michael Wilding has doubled in size since leaving England. Her thoughtful husband changed the original for a bigger stone on Susan's recent birthday.

The Wildings are staying in one unit of the apartment block they own here and Elizabeth Taylor with Eddie Fisher are frequent dinner guests.

Incidentally, the new man in Miss Taylor's life seems to be well trained—he buys her a gift a day following the tradition set by her late husband.

After two hits in a row—"Peyton Place" and "In the Sixth Happiness"—director Mark Robson is the blue-eyed boy at 20th-Century Fox. They've given him the plum task of bringing John O'Hara's largest and most ambitious work—"From the Terrace" to the screen.

TWO POOLS

EVERYONE was competing for it," Mr Robson told me. "I'll take over a year to make. Anyway I asked for it and I got it. But now I have to decide where to start the screen play—the book begins before the central character is even born."

The homes here are all pretty fantastic but perhaps the "most" belongs to designer Don Loper. Filled with the finest collection of Regency furniture this side of the Brighton Pavilion, it has two pools—one bearing a giant-carved bird known as "Swanee."

"Why two pools?" I asked.

"We keep an extra one for the servants," replied Mr Loper and added elegantly, "Doesn't everybody?"

The gay Pat Lewis winging from Hollywood to Las Vegas



On set, Pat Lewis and Hugh O'Brian—a fast gun, but not drawn to women

ROUND-UP

REGIMENTAL PANTOMIME

THE commanding officer of the Queen's Royal Regiment, Major R.S.N. Mans, has a leading part in the Regiment's Christmas pantomime, "Alf's Button," which he wrote and is producing himself. But it will be the last pantomime by the Queen's who have been at Guildford, Surrey, since 1876. "We are moving to Canterbury next June to amalgamate with the East Surrey Regiment," said Major Mans. The Regiment has put on a pantomime every year since the war.

THEY NEVER FORGOT

AT THE 44 years the Men Who Never Forgot are thanking the villagers of Stanton, Suffolk. Mr Ernest Perks, secretary of the Hertfordshire Old Comrades Association, has sent the rector a Christmas message and thanks for the kindness received by a company of Hertfordshires in 1914 when they were billeted there before crossing the Channel to go to the "front." The rector, Rev. C. Mills, said: "There are people here who remember that Christmas with the Hertfordshires."

FLEET LIT UP

AN illuminated figure of Father Christmas disappearing down the funnel of a small naval craft at the Portsmouth shore base. Vernon will be one of the features of the Navy's plans to "light up the Fleet" for Christmas. Several naval establishments and ships in Portsmouth Harbour will be taking part in the scheme. The depot ship Tyne, flag-ship of the Home Fleet, at the South Railway Jetty, will have its upperworks, funnel and masts picked out in lights and there will be a large decorated Christmas tree on deck. Fort Blockhouse, the submarine base at Gosport, will be floodlit, with an illuminated Christmas tree on the pierhead.

REPRIEVE

TWO geese in Nottinghamshire have saved themselves from becoming a Christmas dinner. A grey gander and white goose were being fattened for "the table" at the Plough Inn, Cropwell Butler, but soon made friends with the village children who fed them in the orchard behind the public house. "The friendship has become so strong that I cannot bear the thought of killing the birds," says the landlord, Mr John Whaley who bought them in June having decided that they would make a change from chicken at Christmas. Now they are to share the Christmas meal of chicken and plum pudding at the inn.

CAROL SINGING

SINGING carols round the giant Norwegian Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square taking place this week will be in aid of the King George's Fund for Sailors. For an hour during next Friday evening a girls' choir will sing carols around the illuminated tree and the collection is to be devoted to the fund. The 80-strong choir are all teenagers from Wimbledon, South-West London, who have already won television presentation.

OUT OF TINS

DURING 1957 British housewives bought 3,000,000,000 cans of food, according to figures issued by the British Food Manufacturing Industries Research Association. These included £100,000,000 worth of canned meat and fish, £30,000,000 worth of vegetables, and £45,000,000 worth of fruit. An Association spokesman said that in 1957 only £6,000 worth of tinned meat and fish was sold. By 1957 this figure had risen to £3,000,000, with one-third of a million pounds worth of vegetables and £1,000,000 worth of fruit.

ENGLISH CHEESE

THE demand for English cheese is now so great there is not enough to go round. The shortage, caused partly by increased production of beef, instead of milk, and the increased consumption of milk and cream, is expected to disappear by the spring. Mr Richard Trethorne, chairman of the English Cheese Council, said: "The demand for English cheese has increased from 49,000 tons in 1955 to 62,000 tons in 1957."

They both feel an actor must be absolutely nuts to trade making feature films for a long-run series on television.

"It kills you in the end," said Wildmark. "You become so identified with the character you've been playing that no one can see you as anything else."

"Yes, even new young actors who need a break to get started are beginning to realize the danger," expanded Dmytryk. "They will do one show—but not a series. It's a vicious circle too for the producer."

"I know I don't want to marry an actress," he told me. "I agree that it's important for a man to have interests outside the home, but I don't think that any of the actresses I date would make good wives—for most of them their career is the vocation and marriage the sideline."

Thus unburdened, Mr O'Brian went back to complete the final day's shooting on the 150th Wyatt Earp film. That in the can, Mr O'Brian will be free to roam until the series is resumed next spring.

"The only way you can win with television is to exploit it for all you can—make a million in five years and then get out."

But talk to one of television's huge successes, like Robert Cummings, and you get an entirely different picture.

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FAST FRANK

I SPENT, and I mean spent, 24 hours in Las Vegas myself in between shows of the current hit there—"Now comes 1928," with Rudy Vallee and Buster Keaton.

I asked another of the stars, Paul Whiteman, what he thought of present-day music.

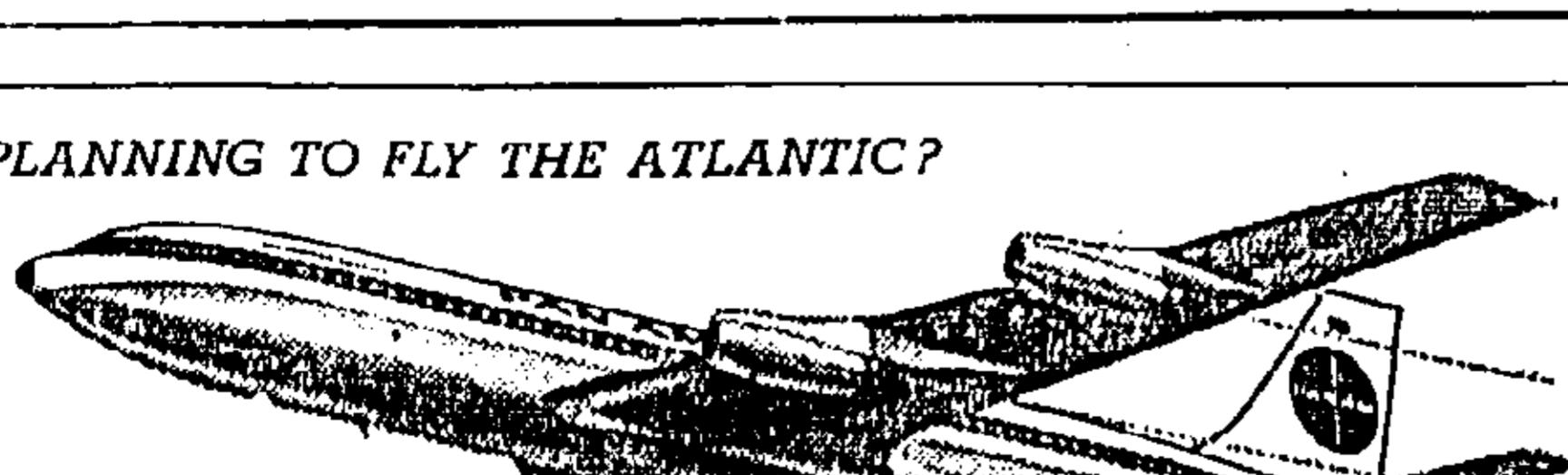
JAK GOES CHRISTMAS SHOPPING



"Now you're sure you've got everything you need, darling—knuckle-dusters, cosh, flick-knife?"

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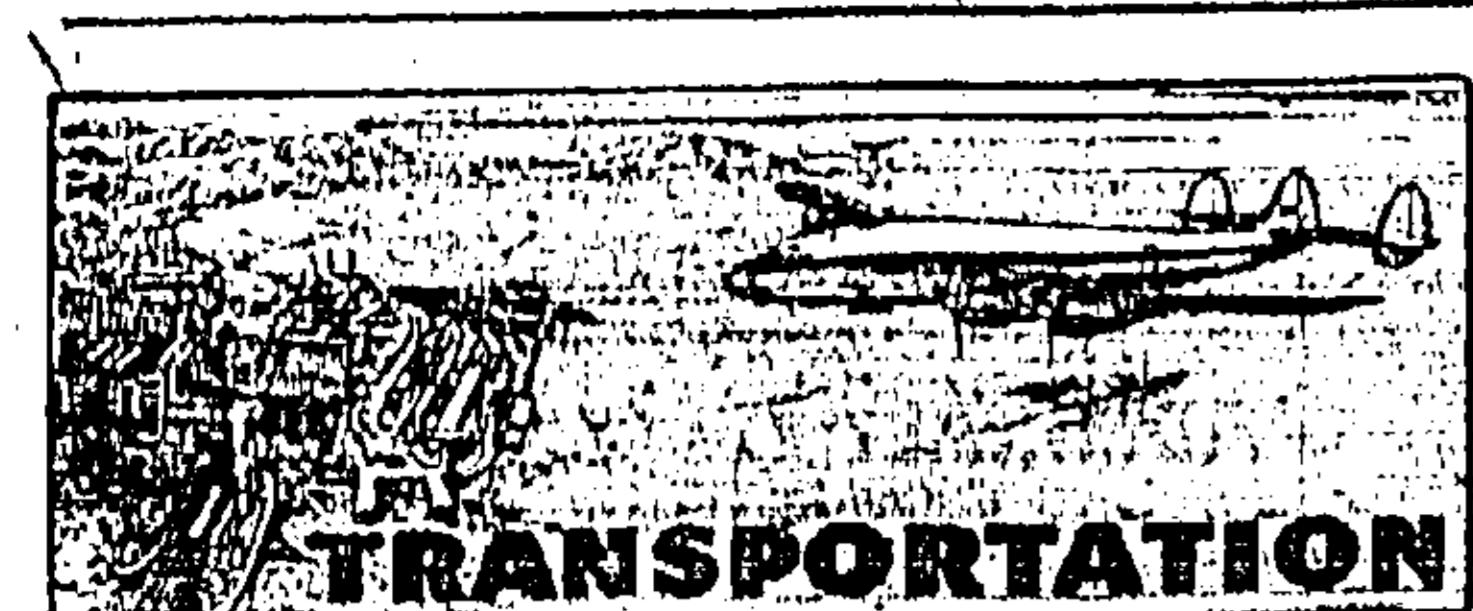
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Proofed Nylon For Barge Covers

FOR 15 months a 160-ton Thomas barge has been using nylon covers. Although they weigh about half as much as conventional covers, making handling much easier—they are tough and never require reprofiling.

Even after 15 months service they are still in excellent condition, say British Nylon Spinners Ltd.

The Hydex proofed nylon fabric weighs 10 ozs./sq. yd., so that a 24 ft. square cover can, if necessary, be handled by one man. The fabric is impermeable giving perfect protection to the goods underneath, and the Maritime Lighterage Co. Ltd. who have had the covers on trial report that there has been no trouble from condensation even when carrying cargoes such as sugar and meat.

Proofed nylon is easy to clean with identification marks which remain clearly visible throughout the life of the covers. They are rot-proof and unaffected by salt water. The proofed nylon covers have never been attacked by birds.

Forecasting To Keep Pace With Jet Age

Washington, Dec. 22. THE Weather Bureau announced plans today to expand its forecasting service next month for aviation to keep pace with the jet age.

The Bureau said aviation forecasts will cover conditions up to 45,000 feet, more than doubling the present range of 20,000 feet.

It also will open a new center for transmission of wind flow charts specially tailored for very high altitude flying.

JETLINERS

Jet airliners, already in service in the U.S., England and Russia, normally fly between 20,000 and 35,000 feet. Conventional aircraft fly at a range of 20,000 feet.

The new wind charts in each will permit the jetliners to land and take off on the public airways to expected weather conditions along any route over North America, the Arctic Ocean and the Northern Hemisphere portion of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. U.P.I.

Limited Recovery On Freight Market

THE shipping freight market has staged a certain recovery and the October figure for the British Chamber of Shipping's freight index is the highest for the year.

The index for all items now stands at 70.4 compared with a level of 62.7 last April. At the present level freight rates for most commodities allow vessels to make some operating profit, though not a sufficient profit to provide fully for depreciation.

The future of rates must depend on a number of different factors. There is the general level of world trade to be considered. In 1959 world trade between industrial countries should be rising again, but that is not the trade on which shipping mainly depends. For more important are the bulk cargoes.

There is also reason to expect some sharp improvement in the bulk commodities like coal may not improve at all. The international movement of coal could even diminish with the running out of coal.

IMPORTANT FACTOR

Another important factor is the level of freight rates at which ships will be brought back into service. Since the middle of this year the volume of shipping, British and foreign-owned, held up in British ports has been pretty stable at around 1.6 million tons. Present freight rates, even after their recovery, are not in general tempting shippers to bring their ships back into employment.

If rates were to rise somewhat further than re-employment of laid-up vessels might become important. Inevitably that puts a strain on any rise in prices, and until the surplus fleet is taken up or broken up no real recovery is possible.

These ships are not yet being scrapped. Owners of wartime Liberty ships are still unwilling to sell them for much less than £120,000 as against a scrap value of about £70,000.

THE SURPLUS

Most of these ships, except for some bought secondhand during the Suez boom in freights, have long since been disposed of. There is always a chance that they will be taken up again, along on some, operating profit, and in the years there can do so today.

Unfortunately, it keeps them from re-entering the market. This makes capacity also makes it unlikely that the proposed international trade union boycott of shipping will have any violent effect on freight rates.

Britain's offer to match this concession appears to have been

UK Vs COMMON MARKET

Big Guns Are Moved Up To Forward Area

From RONALD BOXALL

London, Dec. 22. There are just a few days of 1958 left—a few days for Britain to enjoy equal trading opportunities with her partners in Western Europe.

After that the six countries of the Common Market will turn themselves into a tight little trading group, offering to the world what it prefers to go along with her rather than risk a split in their carefully nurtured association.

The French attitude in all this is vital—and it is fundamentally different from that taken by Britain. Britain's concern has all along been to safeguard her own export trade. This is perfectly legitimate, but insistence on it arouses resentment of Frenchmen who have been persuaded to accept the Common Market not for any mere economic advantage but as a part of a grand political strategy.

Economically, France has always had no real liking for the Common Market idea. Her industrialists would far rather continue to enjoy their present degree of protection against foreign imports than open their domestic market to competition of foreign industries that are in many cases more efficient than their own.

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